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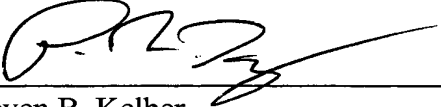
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Further to Applicants Correction of Entity Status filed December 12, 2003 and Notice of Acceptance of Fee Deficiency Submission dated January 14, 2004, Mississippi State University, assignee of the entire right, title and interest in and to the above-captioned patent application hereby gives notice that it is no longer eligible for small entity status.

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